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GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENT CHARGING TWO WITH TAX VIOLATIONS

SALT LAKE CITY – A federal grand jury returned an indictment Wednesday morning charging Thomas J. Hook of Sandy and Gregory H. Christoffersen of Bountiful with filing false income tax returns for calendar year 2002.

The first count of the indictment alleges Hook and Christoffersen filed a false corporate tax return for the Westerner Private Club for calendar year 2002. According to the indictment, the income tax return filed with the IRS reported gross receipts and sales of \$659,128. The indictment alleges the defendants failed to report additional gross receipts received by the club during 2002.

Hook is charged in count two of the indictment with filing a false individual return in 2002. According to the indictment, Hook reported adjusted gross income of \$17,994. The indictment alleges there was additional income that should have been reported.

The case is being investigated by IRS Criminal Investigation agents. The potential maximum penalty for each count in the indictment is three years in prison and a \$100,000 fine. Summons will be issued to Hook and Christoffersen to appear in federal court. Defendants charged in federal indictments are presumed innocent unless or until proven guilty in court.

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